

MISCELLANEOUS JOTTINGS.

Forty-five men were discharged from the machinist department of the Gosport Navy Yard last Friday. The reported death of the Rev. Alexander Campbell is untrue. He is now residing at Bethany, Va. An engineer was recently arrested and sent to Augusta for flying the Rebel flag on an engine on the Georgia Railroad. From San Francisco, news is received of the death of Hon. Fletcher M. Haight, late Judge of the United States District Court. He formerly resided in Rochester, N. Y. Mrs. Catharine Fay, an old lady residing in Rochester, was burned to death on the 23d inst. She laid down on a lounge to sleep with matches in her pocket, and in moving about they ignited. The Academy of Sciences at Paris has just awarded its Monthouven prize for statistics to M. Chenu, the only foreigner among the winners. His work on the losses of the allied armies in the Crimea. The Russian Government has given a warning to the Russian Word, for an article approving Auguste Comte's "Idees Historiques," which the Home Secretary deems opposed to Christianity. The first, second, and third mates, and cooper of ship "Harriet," of Honolulu, burned by the pirate Shenandoah, who left Ascension last April for Guam in an open boat, arrived safely after a passage of only twelve days. The Imperial Geographical Society of France has admitted Mme Dora d'Ay into its ranks as its only foreign lady that had been elected into that body. The new member has distinguished herself by her travels in Roumelia and the Moras. The death of Lord Montagu, better known by the name of Hon. Spring Rice, is announced at this office. He held many important offices in the State, and was formerly Chancellor of the Exchequer, and on his retirement from that position was elevated to the peerage. In consequence of the alarm about the pork disease, the pig dealers of Vienna have telegraphed to their friends in London, and many intend to send them any more animals for the present, as most of the greatest hotels have suppressed all preparations of pork in their bills of fare. About twenty thousand colored troops, from the Department of Texas, are to arrive shortly at this office. They are to be paid off and sent to service. A number of vessels have already arrived, and active preparations are going on with a view to carrying out the order disbanding these troops. An Austrian expedition, composed of the cavalry, and the brigade Schramm, under the command of Rear Admiral Tschirg, is to leave the port of Trieste in the spring for the Indian and China Seas, to negotiate treaties of commerce similar to those which the other European Powers have been making for several years past. An interesting incident took place at the grand ball given at the Prussian Embassy in Paris. At midnight, Count de Goltz received a telegram from his sovereign at Berlin, directing him to offer a bouquet from his Majesty to the Empress. The commission was at once executed, and immediately after the thanks of her Majesty were transmitted to Berlin by the same channel. The Russian army amounted at the beginning of the summer of 1864 to 1,155,000 men and 96,000 horses. On the 1st of January, 1865, those numbers were reduced to 909,000 men and 82,000 horses, and at present the effective force amounts to only 805,000 men and 75,000 horses. The Budget for the army amounted to 152,156,000 roubles in 1864, to 127,861,000 in 1865, and has been reduced to 216,589,000 for the present year. Two Paris papers, the Pays and the Gazette de France, have both entered their respective protests against the execution of Poncet, the murderer of Lavergne. Poncet, however, may himself have had the satisfaction of reading these descriptions of his last moments, inasmuch as he was only guilty of the forty-eight cent postage on the publication in the Pays and Gazette de France. Wild Edgerton (Brook L. McVickar), some time since published a few verses on the Empress Eugenie's visit to the cholera hospitals in Paris, which were sent to the hands of Napoleon through the French Consul of this city, and at present the effective force amounts to only 805,000 men and 75,000 horses. The Cabinet of the Emperor, PALACE OF THE TUILLERIES, January 12, 1866.—Monsieur l'Empereur has received with satisfaction the copy of the letter addressed to the Empress, and has instructed me to thank you for them in his name. According to the latest official returns, there are in the 11,314 cafes, beer houses, and wine shops in Paris, 77,777 tables, and a large number of the cafes and beer houses have from twenty to thirty tables. The receipts from every public table are supposed to average about 10 francs per day, which would give 277,110 francs for the daily receipts of the whole, and 101,145,137 francs for the year of 365 days. The receipts from the year by one half, there still remain above 50,000,000, a great portion of which is paid by the working classes. The Herald gives an account of a "private banquet," whether real or imaginary we cannot say, said to have been given to the Secretary of State by Mr. Schell, of the Manhattan Club House, on Saturday evening, at which Mr. Thurlow Weed and others were present. The Herald says: "Mr. Schell, president, and the vice-chair was occupied by Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bryant was present, and had even heard of the 'banquet' till his attention was drawn to the article in the Herald. The Irish papers announce the death of Lord Miltown, a nobleman well known in former years for his sporting habits, but living lately in retirement, owing to financial embarrassments. He was married in both his times, and used to be carried in and out of his phreton at Newark, which he drove so well as never to lead to the suspicion of his infirmities. Of racing he was an excellent judge, and he was likewise a fine billiard player, and a first class shot, and as long as a companion at dinner table as ever Lever played in any of his novels. A terrible catastrophe occurred recently in Cronstadt, and occasioned the loss of fifty-four lives. At half-past two in the morning a wooden building, constructed on Battery No. 10, serving as a habitation for two hundred and fifty workmen, took fire, and was a few moments afterwards completely destroyed. There were three doors to the building, but only one was unlocked, and this opened inward. The unfortunate men, pressing forward in crowds, kept it closed, and it had at length to be broken down, but fifty-four men had already perished. The rest were rescued with great difficulty. Baron Rothschild has been swindled. A few weeks ago, says an English journal, a venerable and decrepit old man offered to sell him a splendid service of old china—twelve plates only—for an annuity of 24s. The man looked so old and so near his end that the Baron consented; but his venerable friend, in a few moments afterwards, sprang up, vigorous young fellow of about thirty claimed the annuity. The Baron stood aghast. "Why you seemed a century old a month ago!" "Yes, M. le Baron, but you see your assistance has renewed my years of life."

PROPOSALS.

FRESH BEEF AND VEGETABLES. BUREAU OF PROVISIONS AND CLOTHING. Sealed Proposals, endorsed "Proposals for Fresh Beef and Vegetables," will be received at this Bureau until 2 o'clock P. M. on the 15th day of March instant, for the supply of Fifty Thousand pounds of FRESH BEEF and Fifty Thousand pounds of FRESH VEGETABLES, at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and Station, as required. The Beef and Vegetables must be of good quality, and the best market affords, and each article must be offered for by the pound. The Beef to be in equal proportions, fore and hind quarters. Bids, with approved security, will be required in one-half the amount of the contract, and twenty per cent. in addition will be withheld from the amount of each payment to be made, as collateral security for the due performance of the contract, which will, on no account, be paid until it is fully complied with. Every offer made must be accompanied by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, that the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into an obligation within five days, with good and sufficient securities, to furnish the articles proposed. No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by such guarantee, and by satisfactory evidence that the bidder is a regular dealer in the articles proposed and has the means required by act of Congress. The Department reserves the right to reject any proposal not considered advantageous to the Government. 25 104

INTERNAL REVENUE.

UNITED STATES REVENUE STAMPS.

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PROPOSALS.—SEALED PROPOSALS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE 10th day of April, 1866, for the delivery of 6000 head of BEEF CATTLE, for the use of captured Indians. The cattle to be delivered to the U. S. for Indians at Fort Sumner, New Mexico. The first delivery to be on the 1st day of July, 1866, and to consist of 100 head of each of the subsequent deliveries to be in such numbers and at such times as may be required by the undersigned. The cattle must be from three to five years old, and must weigh at least 400 pounds, and their weight to be ascertained according to manner laid down in the Subs. Regulations, 1865, and to one of the best marketable quality. No Steers, Bulls, Cows, or calves will be received. Whether, in the opinion of the A. C. S. for Indians, at Fort Sumner, the cattle presented do not fulfil the conditions set forth, or if they do so do not will be rejected. Ten per cent of money due contractors will be retained until the contract is fulfilled. Two responsible persons must sign each bid, guaranteeing that if the contract is awarded to the party or parties therein proposing, they will enter into simple bonds for the faithful performance of the contract, and when the parties therein offering securities are unknown to the undersigned, their ability to reimburse the loss to the United States, which would accrue in case of failure, must be attested before a magistrate or other officer empowered to administer oaths. The parties to whom this contract is let will be expected to fill the contract themselves—any sub-letting of the contract will be considered as a failure to comply with the contract, and the contractor will be held responsible for the same. Endorse on the envelope "Proposals for Beef Cattle, at Fort Sumner, New Mexico." J. H. BELL, Captain and C. S. and Brevet Major, U. S. A. Office 1,urchasing and Depot C. S., District of New Mexico, Santa Fe, N. M., February 7, 1866. 31223

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GOVERNMENT SALES.

LARGE SALE OF QUARTERMASTER'S STORES. ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, DEPOT OF WASHINGTON. WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, under the direction of the Assistant Quartermaster-General, JAMES M. MOORE, A. Q. M., at Warehouse No. 5, on New York Avenue, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, Washington, D. C., on THURSDAY, March 30, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M., a large lot of Quartermaster's stores, consisting of: 16 lbs. Maritime 14 Pork Barrels, 10 Adze, assorted, 22 Bevels, 102 saloons Alcohol, 123 Leather Belts, 4 Axes, 82 Feet Rubber Boiling, 624 Axes, assorted, 1251 Bits, assorted, 151 Broad Axes, 153 Broad Axes, 25 Coffin Boxes, 22 Carpenters' Benches, 3 Wood Boxes, 100 Wood Boxes, 225 Chair Notches, 15 Copper Boilers, 225 Chair Backs and 300 Door Bolts, assorted, 100 Chair Backs, 100 Chair Legs, 8500 Chair Strainers, 600 amp Chimneys, 1000 lbs. Fire Clay, 1000 lbs. Copper, 600 Stove Doors, 400 Chairs, assorted, 400 Field Desks, 300 Bucket Ears, 2225 Ft. as assorted, 1546 Bastard Files, 10000 Laths Glass, 1000 Saucers, 1200 China Handles, 1541 Axe Handles, 10000 Paper Tacks, 30000 Cross Sawes, assorted, 1100 Shovels, assorted, 2000 Sawing Boards, 1000 Stove Feet, 2000 lbs. Cast Steel, 2000 lbs. Cast Steel, 2000 lbs. Cast Steel, 2000 lbs. Cast Steel, 1000 Cast Iron Traps, 4000 Yards Sheet Iron, 6000 Paper Tacks, assorted, 1000 Wheelbarrows, 4000 lbs. Wire, 2000 lbs. Zinc, 6000 Ensigns, 3000 lbs. Hods Wire, 6000 lbs. Assorted. The sale will be continued from day to day until all of the property is sold. The stores must be removed within five days from date of sale. Inland Cash in Government funds. By order of Brevet Major General D. H. RUCKER, Chief Quartermaster, Depot of Washington. CHARLES H. TOMPKINS, Brevet Colonel and Quartermaster. 82121

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